



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

March 1, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Naval Safety Strategy

A unified Naval Safety Strategy is critical to safety success in the Department of the Navy. Following extensive efforts by Flag and General Officers of the Navy, and Marine Corps Safety Council and the USMC Executive Safety Board, my Deputy Assistant Secretary (Safety) has finalized the first such strategy. I hereby approve the attached Naval Safety Strategy. It will serve as a guideline for Department of the Navy initiatives supporting the Secretary of Defense Strategic Planning Guidance to reduce mishaps by 75 percent by the end of Fiscal Year 2008.

The Strategy will become meaningful only when accompanied by executable action plans tailored to each Service. Therefore, I request that you provide me your Plan of Action and Milestones to achieve the goals and objectives of the Strategy. I would appreciate receiving them by March 31, 2006.

I'm looking forward to working with you as we collaboratively advocate for an organizational culture that inculcates risk management and maximizes the safety of our greatest asset – Marines, Sailors, and civilian personnel. Through our collective leadership we must build on this Safety Strategy, and chart a course for unprecedented mishap reduction results that both serve our people and increase our readiness. Thank you for your superb leadership as we forge ahead.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald C. Winter", is positioned above the printed name.

Donald C. Winter

Attachment:
As stated